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("HEALTH ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS IN THE
MIDDLE EAST")

REF: GENEVA 3773

1. ARAB DRAFT RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY COMMITTEE "B"
WITHOUT AMENDMENT MAY 16 BY LARGE MAJORITY: 66-23(US)-16.
FINAL VOTE WILL TAKE PLACE IN PLENARY MEETING OF WHA
MAY 17 OR 18, AND IS EXPECTED TO BE ABOUT SAME AS IN
COMMITTEE "B".

2. SCENARIO WENT LIKE THIS. CHAIRMAN OF "SPECIAL COMMITTEE"
REPORTED ON EFFORTS OF HIS GROUP TO CARRY OUT MANDATE OF
LAST YEAR'S WHA. DIRECTOR OF UNRWA REPORTED ON HEALTH
ACTIVITIES OF HIS AGENCY IN AREA OF CONCERN. EGYPT
ANNOUNCED THAT YEMAN AND MOROCCO HAD SIGNED UP AS
CO-SPONSORS OF DRAFT RESOLUTION AND THEN PROCEEDED TO
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DEFEND IT, DWELLING PARTICULARLY ON OPERATIVE PARAS
4 AND 9. PLO SPOKESMAN FOLLOWED, WITH STATEMENT
CHALLENGING ISRAELI HEALTH STATISTICS RELATING TO
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. SUCCEEDING SPEAKERS (ZAMBIA,
SYRIA, PRC, GDR, CONGO AND CUBA) SAID THEY SUPPORTED
RESOLUTION. SOVIET DELEGATION SAID PROBLEM IS ESSENTIALLY
POLITICAL ONE, AND DESCRIBED SOVIET EFFORTS AS CO-CHAIRMAN

OF GENEVA CONFERENCE, TO HELP FIND SOLUTION. ADDED THAT USSR WOULD SUPPORT RESOLUTION ISRAELI DELEGATE CALLED RES PERNICIOUS AND FULL OF NEW FALSEHOODS. SAID THT EVEN DURING TIS ASSEMBLY HIS DELEGATION HAD DONE ITS BEST, DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY, BY ADVANCING CONSTRUCTIVE IDEAS, AND IT REGRETTED THAT "THE OTHER PARTY" HAD REJECTED THESE IDEAS. IFOLLOWING JORDAN AND HUNGARY, USDEL MADE ITS STATEMENT (REFTEL). SWAZILAND AND LESOTHO THEN SAID UNGA WAS PROPER FORUM FOR DEALING WITH THIS ESSENTIALLY POLITICAL ISSUE. EGYPTIAN DELEGATION TOOK FLOOR AGAIN TO ANSWER SOME OF OBJECTIONS RAISED BY USDEL, AND TOOK THE OCCASION TO DENOUNCE RKERENCE TO ISRAELI STATEMENT TO "AUTOMATIC MAJORITY" ARABS WERE ABLE TO MUSTER. IWHEN COMMITTEE "B" CHAIRMAN CALLED FOR VOTE, A NUMBER OF DELEGATES TOOK FLOOR TO EXPLAIN WHY THEY WOULD VOTE AGAINST RESOLUTION: UK (ON BEHALF OF EC-9), CANADA, SWEDEN, NORWAY, FRANCE (ACKNOWLEDGING UK STATEMENT ON ITS BEHALF BUT ADDING SEVERAL POINTS OF ITS OWN), ITALY, AUSTRIA AND COSTA RICA.

3. EGYPTIANS THEN ASKED FOR ROLL CALL VOTE. IT WENT LIKE THIS:

YES: ALGERIA, ARGENTINA, BAHRAIN, BENIN, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, BURUNDI, CAPE VERDI ISLANDS, CHAD, CHINA, CONGO, CYPRUS, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, EGYPT, ETHIOPIA, GABON, GAMBIA, GDR, GREECE, GUINEA, GUINEA-BISSAU, HUNGARY, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN, IRAQ, JORDAN, KUWAIT, LAOS, LEBANON, LIBYA, MADAGASCAR, MALAYSIA, MALTA, UNCLASSIFIED

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MAURITANIA, MONGOLIA, MOROCCO, MOZAMBIQUE, NIGER, NIGERIA, OMAN, IPAKISTAN, PERU, PHILLIPPINES, POLAND, QATAR, ROMANIA, RWANDA, SAUDI ARABIA, SENEGAL, SOMALIA, SRI LANKA AND SUDAN.

NO: AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, CANADA, COSTA RICA, DENMARK, FRANCE, FRG, GUATEMALA, ICELAND, IIRELAND, ISRAEL, ITALY, LESOTHO, LUXEMBOURG, NETHRLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, I NORWAY, IPORTUGAL, SWEDEN, ISWITZERLAND, UK, US.

ABSTAIN: BOTSWANA, CHILE, ECUADOR, FINLAND, GHANA, HONDURAS, JAMAICA, JAPAN, KENYA, KOREA (SOUTH), LIBERIA, MALAWI, SPAIN, SWAZILAND, THAILAND, IZAMBIA.

4. FOR COMPARISON, WE RECALL THAT FINAL VOTE IN LAST YEAR'S WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY ON ARAB RESOLUTION WAS 57-16(US)-16. SORENSON

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